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Interim List of

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BEGONIA PLANTS

In the

Unexcelled Collection

of

Rosecroft Begonia Gardens

530 Silver Gate Avenue

POINT LOMA, CALIFORNIA



Rex Begonia President Carnot



ALFRED D. ROBINSON

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Proprietors

ROSECROFT

Rosecroft is on Point Loma, the head of land that forms the Northwest boundary of the Bay of San Diego, California, and in consequence of that situation enjoys an all the year round mildness of climate coupled with a moist atmosphere, that permits of the cultivation of the Begonia family with a simple lath protection. In such a shelter as a result of over a quarter of a century of collecting and breeding, Rosecroft grows what competent critics have pronounced much the best exposition of this family in the world. The so-called Tree Begonias attain a height of twenty feet and all sorts flourish.

THIS LIST

is to bridge the gap between our last booklet and a more complete one we hope to issue in the not too distant future. We have many varieties of the rarer sorts in quantities too small to offer generally.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

is absolutely limited to supplying good, healthy plants as per this list, and we make no guarantee as to the future once the plants have left our hands.

N. B. We raise nothing in large quantities, our object being to furnish foundation stock.

PRICES

Most of the varieties listed can be supplied at from 35c up to several dollars for large specimens.

The rare kinds start at \$1 up.

The overhead of today makes small accounts unremunerative so we do not desire any mail order for less than \$1.

For shipment by Parcel Post add 25 per cent East of Chicago, 15 per cent West of Chicago to the Rockies and 10 per cent on Pacific Slope. Express shipments, which we recommend, sent freight C. O. D.



FIBROUS BEGONIAS—Tree Form

Type, Coralline Lucerne

35c, 50c and up, unless otherwise priced.

These Begonias are big growers with branching tops, leaves broad at base, long and pointed, blooms in large pendant clusters; though they grow fifteen feet, they bloom from cuttings at less than a foot.

CORALLINE LUCERNE. The largest of all, flowers in immense clusters deep pink to red, foliage dark green upper and red under, sometimes spotted.

PRESIDENT CARNOT. Similar to LUCERNE but with lighter foliage unspotted, blooms brilliant red and longer in form.

DE LESSEPS. Similar but not so tall a grower and with pink tinted almost white flowers, foliage often quite spotted.

ROSSI. Much lighter foliage with a bronzy cast, flowers a light pink. 50c up.

ARGENTEA GUTTATA. An old very hardy sort, medium grower, very shrubby in habit, foliage dark and heavily silver spotted; blooms, greenish white.

ROSECROFT NOVELTIES

ORRELL. Seedling of Lucerne, very light green foliage handsomely silver spotted, blooms, cherry red held more erect than the type, a great addition to the class. \$1.00 up.

LUGANO. Another Lucerne seedling branching more freely than its parent, leaves smaller and darker, blooms deep pink produced with great freedom. \$1.00 up.

MANY OTHER SEEDLINGS OF MARKED MERIT

FIBROUS BEGONIAS—Tree Form

Rubra Type

35c, 50c and up, unless otherwise priced.

These are variously known as Rubra, Bamboo and Angel Wing. Their growth, tall and vigorous, resembles that of a bamboo, and their long narrow light green leaves are borne so placed on the branch that they resemble the hunched wings of the illustrated Angels of long ago. Blooms, in large pendent clusters.

RUBRA RED. Brilliant Scarlet.

RUBRA PINK. Soft pink.

ALBA PERFECTA. Dainty white; foliage a little ruffled of pleasing green, fragrant.

PICTA ROSEA. Also called the Baby Rubra, rose colored, blooms very freely produced and smaller foliage sometimes spotted.

ROSECROFT NOVELTIES

SHASTA. A splendid large white, much the finest white yet introduced in this class. Very limited at present. \$2.00 up.

MRS. W. D. HARNEY. White and pink mixture, good grower and blooms large. \$1.00 up.

MRS. SCHINKEL. Regular orchid color of Rosea Picta type has met with much favor. \$2.00 up.

RUBRA ODORATA. Deep rose bloom very delightfully scented. \$1.00 up.

RUBRA DIELYTRA. Blooms strongly resembling those of the Bleeding Heart, most charming. \$1.00 up.

JINNIE MAY. A dwarf not more than three feet, laurel-like leaves, small dainty red blooms. \$1.00 up.

MANY MORE SEEDLINGS IN THIS RUBRA GROUP IN A BEWILDERING VARIETY OF SHADES IN RED, PINK, ROSE TINTED AND WHITE, FROM OUR OWN SEED AND ALSO FROM SOME IMPORTED FROM MEXICO.

OTHER TALL FORMS

35c, 50c and up, unless otherwise priced.

MULTIFLORA ROSEA. Also called **FLORIBUNDA ROSEA**, small glossy foliage carried close to stem, pendent fuchsialike blooms of delicate pink, always in flower and hardy.

FUCHSIOIDES COCCINEA. A similar form but blooms transparent scarlet. Mexico calls it "CORAZON DE JESU."

COMPTA. Tall slender grower with long pointed wavy leaves, greyish green with conspicuous grey center following mid rib, small white blooms in large close cluster. 50c and up.

ZEBRINA. Also **ANGULARIS** from its square stem, similar to *Compta* but grey markings much less pronounced, a much more vigorous grower.

FIBROUS BEGONIAS—Intermediate Growth

35c, 50c and up, unless otherwise priced.

PREUSEN. Very bushy upright habit, small long leaves and blooms of pink tint scattered through foliage, good at any stage.

SACHSEN. Similar to *Preusen* but smaller grower with darker bronzy foliage and coppery red blooms.

WETTSTEINI. A branching small tree type with wavy green foliage and brilliant pendent bunches of bloom, the most brilliant of all the reds.

INCARNATA. Upright grower with long green pointed foliage and pink flowers in numerous clusters. Winter bloomer.

SYLVIA. A seedling of *Incarnata* with wavy foliage and dainty pink flowers; likes shade.

MARGUERITE. Upright bush form with long hairy foliage and tinted pink flowers, an old reliable.

DIGSWELLIANA. Bushy with crinkly foliage and tinted pink blooms.

ROBUSTA. Small ruddy leaves and red stems; blooms pink to red, grows with fountain effect, continually sending up new shoots; very hardy and desirable.

WASHINGTON ST. An unnamed seedling found in a San Diego garden, with long green leaves and white blooms in bunches produced in winter; quite individual.

ODORATA ALBA. Round, glossy foliage with large bunches of delicately scented white flowers continuously produced. One of the very best and makes a large spreading bush.

LOW GROWING BRANCHING TYPE

35c, 50c, unless otherwise priced.

WELTONIENSIS ROSEA. Semi-tuberous with pointed serrated small leaves, red stems and pink flowers, makes fine pot specimens; dormant in winter.

WELTONIENSIS ALBA. Similar to above with white blooms and larger grower.

McBETHII. Also commonly called Dewdrop and Oakleaf, semi-tuberous, fine ferny foliage, white flowers, bushy in habit.

RICHARDSONI. Similar to *McBethii* but foliage longer and more ferny; likes shade, flowers white.

SUTHERLANDI (SCHNITZERI). An orange flowered form of these semi-tuberous, quite rare.

FOLIOSA. Very small leaved, foliage grows flat like a fern, flowers quite miniature, white borne in singles pendent. Takes the place of a fern in grouping.

BERTHA VON LOTHRINGEN. Another possibly incorrect name. It has also been named to us as Pearl de Lorraine. A thick stemmed kind with smooth, medium green foliage veined peculiarly in chocolate; winter bloomer, pink shaded. 50c.

SANDERSONI. A low bushy grower with light green serrated foliage, blooms, a brilliant scarlet. Winter bloomer.

NITIDA. A wonderful free blooming tinted white, about two feet, flowers very dainty borne in large upright clusters, always in bloom; a splendid pot plant.

LUXURIANT or OLbia. A small grower with woody stems, leaves a beautiful velvet green, shaped like the Lucerne group but much smaller, blooms greeny white in pendent clusters. Likes shade.

BERTHA DE CHATEAU ROCHER, also called *Ascotiensis* and *Corbeille de Feu*. They may be separate varieties but they don't look like it. Upright grower with leaves like *Floribunda*, brilliant coral red blooms, makes fine specimen when well grown.

THICK STEMMED AND PROCUMBENT TYPES

50c and up, unless otherwise priced.

VERSCHAFELTI. Thick stem, very large green lobed leaves on long fleshy stalks, blooms in huge upright pink panicles borne well above foliage, very early flowering.

GILSONI. The only double in this class and it is more crested than double, thick stem, good branching habit, dark green leaves pointed and fluted, light pink blooms in large clusters; early. \$1.00.

VITIFOLIA. This is the name given us for a plant raised from seed sent up from Mexico. The leaves are shiny green above rusty under, large and irregular heart shaped, tinted pink small flowers in large clusters. Early. \$1.00.

RICINAFOLIA. Sends up enormous bronzy leaves on long thick hairy stems from a procumbent fleshy root stock. Bloom stalks often four feet long with bunches of pink flowers a foot and a half across; wonderful tub plant and very hardy. \$1.00.

GUATAMALA. One of the so-called Star Begonias. Leaves typical green with dark spots, particularly in young plants.

FEASTII. The Beefsteak Begonia, also called Edmondsi, very procumbent in habit, leaves dark green upper and red under, thick, shiny and round like a water lily; blooms light pink in clusters well above foliage; admirable for baskets and mounds. Early.

BUNCHII. A ruffled and crested form of Feastii.

MRS. TOWNSEND. A very dark leaved sort in this group with a few points on foliage, blooms the largest of any, pink with a chocolate cast.

MANICATA. Light green foliage, heart shaped with collars of red hairs on stems; blooms rose; very dainty.

MANICATA AUREA. Similar to last but with yellow and white blotches on foliage.

SANGUINEA. A creeping or climbing sort with dark olive leathery foliage quite red under and stems; blooms white. \$1.00.

TEMPLINI. A thick stemmed branching sort with large wavy leaves blotched with white, yellow and red; blooms pink in clusters; very early, might be called winter bloomer; makes very handsome large specimens.

JESSIE. Similar to above but with plain leaves with ruddy overcast; also called Ne Plus Ultra.

ULMAFOLIA. Fleshy stemmed with rough, thick elm-like leaves; blooms small white in clusters.

SCHARFFIANA GROUP

50c and up, unless otherwise priced.

SCHARFFIANA. A somewhat straggly grower with large hairy, thick, round leaves, dark green above dark red under; blooms, white tinted rose borne on long branching stems like a pair of horns. The new growth emerges from a peculiar hairy hood-like sheath of greeny white and cottony appearance; requires warmth. \$1.00.

HAAGEANA. A derivative of Scharffiana more upright bushy grower and hardier, leaves more pointed, flowers, white, tinted pink, pendent in large clusters; like purses in bud; winter bloomer.

- DUCHARTREI.** Very similar to Haageana but with more pointed foliage lighter green, larger grower.
- THURSTONI.** Similar in habit but foliage more round and very smooth shiny and darker, blooms pink, borne erect. There is a variation known as the Hairy Thurstoni which the name describes.
- VIAUDE.** Seedling of Scharffiana with similar blooms but long pointed leaf and vigorous grower and hardier.
- METALLICA.** An upright grower with handsome dark veined lustrous foliage, quite large blooms, light pink in clusters. There are many seedlings of this with slight variations.
- CYPRAEA.** Somewhat similar but with rounder foliage with one distinct point, also creped and lighter green; quite generally called Cuphea.
- PRUNIFOLIA.** A Rosecroft seedling of Viaude with large hairy leaves of a deep plum under; blooms white in huge pendent clusters. \$1.00.

ODD AND RARE KINDS

- DIADEMA.** An upright grower with palmate serrated foliage heavily silver spotted. \$1.00.
- PALMATA.** Large palmate foliage striped with silver, cane-like growth; very striking. \$2.00.
- PALMIFOLIA.** Large lobed green leaves on a fleshy stem, blooms white, in clusters. \$1.00.
- PELTATA.** Low grower with peltate leaves, leaves and stems covered with a white fuzz, blooms white in clusters, quite unique. \$2.00.
- LUXURIANS.** This has also been named Sessilifolia but Luxurians is its name both at Kew and the Royal Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh. An upright grower almost a climber with huge palmate leaves carried like an umbrella, each section narrow and thin and at center of leaf a quite small ruffle of auxiliary leaves, blooms small white, in clusters. \$2.00.
- SCOTCH LUXURIANS.** A perfectly unwarranted title for lack of any other. A rapid growing, branching sort, with large soft grey green leaves and white flowers in panicles. Excellent for filling under tall growers. 50c.

CLIMBING OR SCANDENT DIVISION

- GLAUCOPHYLLA SCANDENS.** A scandent variety with pointed green leaves, blooms pink shaded, very similar to those of Quisqualis Indica; wonderful basket plant; now very scarce. \$2.00.
- MARJORIE DAW.** A seedling of Mrs. Shepherd of Ventura, a much branched grower needing support; good for pillars or trellises, foliage green and handsome, blooms in large pendent clusters of rosy red. 50c and up.

REX BEGONIAS

35c and up.

Rosecroft has an immense collection of Rexes, most of the named varieties and many of its own origination to which it is continuously adding.

BEDDING TYPES

25c

Rosecroft grows these in great variety, but not in great quantities. We can give good satisfaction if color and habit of growth be specified. Our collection includes the small double red Bijou de Jardin and a duplex strain in red, pink and white.

TUBEROUS SECTION

These Rosecroft has in all colors and types including the latest Narcissiflora, and a great variety of Lloydii or Hanging Basket sorts.

Rosecroft also handles plants with like requirements to Begonias such as Ferns, Gesneria, Achimenes, etc.

